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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
TETSUHIRO MAEDA ET AL.) Examiner: L. Nguyen
Application No.: 09/629,093) Group Art Unit: 2861
Filed: July 31, 2000)
For: INK JET PRINTING APPARATUS)
AND INK JET PRINTING METHOD : December 30, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated September 30, 2002, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) having been previously filed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on

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